THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) to (c) Details of the projects for the year 2004-05 which have not been completed by New Delhi Municipal Council, the reasons for the delay and likely date of completion are indicated below:

(i) The scheme for construction of Flower Market at INA has since been kept in abeyance as the Delhi Development Authority is finalizing plans for integrated development of the area including Laxmi Bai Nagar Market.

(ii) The project for construction of Working Girls' Hostel at Brigadier Hoshiar Singh Road opposite Indira Niketan has been changed to a staff housing complex because of the scarcity of houses for the employees of the Council.

(iii) Keeping in view the present requirement, some changes have been made in the architectural drawings of the New Delhi City Centre Phase-II Project at Parliament Street. The Project is likely to be completed in the next financial year.

(iv) The multi-storeyed parking lots at Baba Kharak Singh Marg has been entrusted to the Delhi Tourism Development Corporation and is likely to be completed during the next financial year.

Proposal to decongest Chandigarh

1826. SHRI VARINDER SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to develop some near-by villages around Chandigarh to decongest the Union Territory; and

(b) if so, whether any scheme has been chalked out in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) and (b) Presently there is no approved scheme in existence with the UT Administration to decongest Chandigarh. However, the Chandigarh Administration has decided to develop all the 18 villages in the UT by providing civic amenities like paved streets, surface drains, sewerage system, street lighting, public latrines, sports stadiums, shopping centres etc. to make available healthy and sanitary environment for the residents of these villages.